

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to obscenity; requiring public  
3           libraries to install and maintain computer  
4           software or equivalent technology that  
5           prohibits access to obscene materials by  
6           minors; providing that the installation of  
7           software or technology in a library having only  
8           one public-access computer is within the  
9           library's discretion; providing a finding of  
10          important state interest; providing an  
11          effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Each county or municipal public library  
16 that makes available for public use computer on-line service,  
17 Internet service, or local bulletin-board service shall  
18 install and maintain computer software or equivalent  
19 technology on any computer that is made available to persons  
20 under 18 years of age which prohibits access to materials that  
21 contain obscene descriptions, photographs, or depictions. If  
22 the library has only one computer available for public use,  
23 the installation of such software or technology shall be  
24 within the discretion of the library.

25           Section 2. In accordance with section 18, Article VII  
26 of the State Constitution, the Legislature finds that the  
27 installation and maintenance by public libraries of computer  
28 software or equivalent technology that prohibits access by  
29 persons under 18 years of age to obscene materials fulfills an  
30 important state interest.

31           Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.